THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know whether the hon. Member is referring to the place mentioned in the main question or to some other places in Madurai district.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions 281 and 282 may be taken up together as they relate to the same subject.

* 281 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damage caused to crops and property in Kasaragod taluk, including Hosdrug sub-taluk in South Kanara district during the recent heavy floods; and

(b) the relief given by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) An extent of 420 acres of wet lands in Kasaragod taluk and Hosdrug sub-taluk was affected by the floods in June-July 1956. Forty-seven houses in Kasaragod taluk and 713 in Hosdrug sub-taluk were damaged in the floods. The approximate value of the loss sustained is estimated at Rs. 1,02,500 in crops and Rs. 1,07,037 in other properties.

(b) Within 48 hours of the calamity, milk centres for the free distribution of milk were started and monetary relief by way of cash grants was also distributed for the immediate needs of the poor victims of the flood. Cash grants of Rs. 960-8-0 in Kasaragod taluk and Rs. 15,000 in Hosdrug sub-taluk have so far been sanctioned. With the help of the local committees, rice for the immediate requirements of the worst affected persons was also distributed in Hosdrug sub-taluk. Vitamin tablets were distributed among the poorer victims by the Health staff who also took precautionary measures against the outbreak of epidemics. Gruel centres were run in ten centres for fifteen days. Clothes were distributed to the victims. Takkavi loans are also being granted wherever necessary.

* 282 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damages caused by the recent floods of June-July in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) the relief measures adopted by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Forty-seven houses in Kasaragod taluk were damaged and an extent of 420 acres of wet lands in Kasaragod taluk and Hosdrug sub-taluk were affected by floods. The loss in crops is estimated at Rs. 1,02,500. The value of damages to other property in the Kasaragod taluk is Rs. 4,300.

(b) Milk powder, vitamin tablets, rice, clothes and free cash grants were distributed to the victims. Health staff took precautionary measures against outbreak of epidemics. Gruel centres were started in affected areas. Takkavi loans are also being granted liberally.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether any grant or subsidy was given to reconstruct the houses which were damaged and if so in how many cases?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know the exact information. In such cases help is given for rethatching the houses. But I have no specific information.

Dr. K. B. MENON : May I know whether the Government have asked the officers to investigate whether any permanent measures can be taken to avoid such floods in the future?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Well, Sir, that can be started here but it has to be examined and finalized in the new Kerala State.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether any amount has been sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to carry out relief measures in the flood-affected areas in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district?

9-50 a.m. The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, in such cases generous amounts are contributed from the Prime Minister's Fund, but I do not know what happened in this particular case.

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, the heavy rains and the cyclone, which caused damage to Kasaragod taluk, have also caused damage to certain country boats of the islanders of Minicoy. They have lost their boats and it appears that they have waited on deputation on the Government and have pleaded for compensation. May I know whether the Government have granted any compensation to them for the loss of their country boats during the cyclone in the months of June-July last?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have no information about that. If the hon. Member puts a specific question, I can furnish the answer.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, as the cash given to the people whose houses were washed away by the floods is very meagre and inadequate and as some hundreds of houses have yet to be reconstructed and completed, will the Government be kind enough to consider the question and see that in such cases where the people are not in a position to reconstruct their houses, some more financial aid is given by the Government before the reorganization of the States takes place?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, if the hon. Member is kind enough to put a specific question, I will look into it.

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